(TRIFED) to expand the scope for increased employment opportunities for tribals;

(b) whether TRIFED has entered the export field in order to explore the scope of exporting forest produce; and

(c) whether Government would consider appointing TRIFED as the sole canalising agency for export of forest produce, considering the vast scope for global trading in the same?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) TRIFED, apart from providing marketing development facilities to tribals for their forest and agricultural produce, has taken the following steps to increase the scope for employment of tribals.

1. TRIFED has assisted Bastar Gem Artisans Cooperative Society consisting of 34 tribal artisans of Bastar, Madhya Pradesh to establish a Ruby stone processing unit.

2. Ajava citronella cultivation and processing project started in Assam has provided employment opportunities to 183 tribal families in that area.

3. TRIFED also has been providing free broodlac for tribal growers in Bihar and West Bengal as also training to tribal lac growers on modern techniques of lac cultivation and preservation of brood lac.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) TRIFED is already the sole canalising agency for export of gum kraya. They are also one of the canalising agencies for export of niger seed, the others being NAFED and NDDB. Besides, TRIFED is also the registering authority for export of lac. There is, however, no move at present for making TRIFED the sole canalising agency for export of all forest produce in the country.

Selection of Fellows for Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla

2746. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rules, principles and criteria governing the selection of 'Fellows' for the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Simla;

(b) the particulars, including the respective subject of research of those selected for the fellowship this year;

(c) whether "World Parliament and World Government" was also a theme offered by some applicant this year; and

(d) if so, whether the applicant concerned has been selected for fellowship and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE), (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d). 'The Indian' Institute of Advanced Study'(HAS), Shimla, invites applications in prescribed proforma through open advertisement for award of Fellowships in Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural and Life Sciences, etc. The applications are processed through a three-tier committee system and submitted to the Governing Body of the Institute which is the final authority for award of fellowship.

An application with the theme of "World Parliament and World Government" has been received from a scholar. A view will be taken on this as well as applications on other subjects for this year by the Governing Body on the recommendations of the Core Selection Committee.